Background on Relevant Aspects of Clean Fuels Outlet Regulation

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Regulatory Documents

- 1990 Staff Report
- 1990 Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) and chaptered regulation
- 1999 regulatory change proposal
- 2000 FSOR and modified regulation
- Post 2000 activities

Designated Clean Fueled Vehicles (DCFVs) and Trigger

1990 Staff Report

- All vehicles/fuels that can certify to LEV standards
- Include both flex fueled vehicles (FFVs) and dedicated fueled vehicles
- FFVs must operate on clean fuel to realize air quality benefits

1990 ISOR rationale

- FFVs would comprise most of DCFVs in early years
- Dedicated vehicles would mostly be in fleets
- Methanol available through CEC's methanol demonstration program

This rationale was used to support 20,000 vehicle activation trigger

Clean Fuel Distribution

1990 Staff report

- Distribution requirement:
 - gasoline suppliers distribute minimum assigned volumes of clean fuel into the marketing chain that moves fuel to stations
 - each suppliers volume based on their gasoline market share
- Recognized clean fuels:
 - Methanol, ethanol, LPG, CNG and electricity
 - CNG and electricity not in distribution requirement

CNG and Electricity

1990 Staff Report

 utilities that sell CNG and electricity as vehicle fuel could earn credits to sell to regulated party

1990 FSOR changes – removed distribution requirement, and as a result

- removed compliance by CNG and electricity credits
- removed electricity from clean fuel definition and kept CNG contingent on CPUC determination
- contend that utilities will meet EV charging demands

1999 changes

- CPUC ruled that station owners can sell CNG and are not subject to CPUC regulation
- Added constructive allocation compliance option

Regulated Party

1990 Staff Report

- RP is both gasoline suppliers who distribute the fuel AND owner/lessors who dispense the fuel
- Owner/lessor means whoever owns, leases or controls the outlet: franchisor, refiner or distributor, or outlet owner
- Minimum ownership level used to determine which owner/lessors must comply

1990 ISOR – in lieu of distribution requirement...

- Regulated party shifted to owner/lessors only
- Minimum number of outlets increased for early years
- Amenity requirements added (must market like gasoline)
- Joint liability applied to owner/lessor if they fail to respond to operator's supply request (when two parties are different)